

SMALL BLAZE IN A CYCLE SHOW BOOTH.

Little Damage, and Thousands in the Big Garden Did Not Know of It.

The Vast Exhibit Is Already a Long Stride Ahead of the Chicago Affair.

MANUFACTURERS AGAINST CLASS B.

Prominent Makers Speak Emphatically in Favor of Employing Professionals to Represent Them on Racing Tracks.

R. L. Coleman President.

Interest in the Cycle Show at Madison Square Garden continues unabated and the amphitheatre held a large crowd yesterday afternoon and a still larger one in the evening. According to information from an authentic source the receipts for the first four days of the show exceeded the proceeds of the entire eight days at Chicago.

A small blaze in the Peetee booth at about 8:30 o'clock in the evening caused a bit of excitement, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done and before many of the thousands realized what had happened. The cause was traceable to an electric light wire that set fire to some inflammable material.

Yesterday's crowd contained quite a sprinkling of society people and patrons of some of the fashionable sports. Two interested spectators in the afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont, who were observed by only a few. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. Francis T. Underhill, David Barnes, Miss Lenthil, Colonel Wagstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Steers, Ellis Gladwyn, of Brooklyn, F. G. Theobald, Frederick W. Vanderbilt, Butler Duncanson, Jr., Thomas H. Terry, Frank Sturgis, Mrs. William A. Duer, William A. Haines, manager of the Michaux Club; William Morse, Oliver Buckingham, Robert B. Woodward, of Brooklyn; Mr. and Mrs. Girard P. Foster, Edward Moller, Elliott Smith, Gifford Hurry, ex-Park Commissioner David H. King, Joseph H. Seaman.

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OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The directors of the National Cycle Board of Trade had several sessions during the day, and finally elected the following officers:

First vice-president, R. Philip Gormully, of Chicago; second vice-president, George H. Day, of Hartford; treasurer, William A. Redding, of New York City; secretary, Joseph McKee, of New York City. It was stated that A. Kennedy Child declined to stand for re-election as secretary. R. L. Coleman was unanimously elected to the Board of Trade at a late hour last night.

AT THE L. A. W. HEADQUARTERS.

There were numerous visitors to the L. A. W. headquarters, in the boxes just above the entrance, and the expectation to have the Legislature pass the bill compelling railroads to carry bicycles as baggage received nearly a thousand signatures. Abbott Bassett, the popular and veteran secretary of the League, presided, and was never at a loss to address arguments to convince all inquiring wheeler that it was for their best interests to join the national cycling body. Of course, Secretary-Treasurer W. S. Bull, of the New York State Division, was in evidence, and during the evening Chief Consul I. B. Potter shook hands, told stories and tried to explain why his anti-racing amendments will be beaten in the coming national assembly. The first presidential candidates, A. C. Willson and Sterling Elliott, reported at headquarters during the day, but neither held forth for any extended period, as electorship is strictly prohibited in the vicinity of the League boxes.

WILL IT BE TOLEDO OR LOUISVILLE?

Which city will secure the next annual race meet of the L. A. W., Toledo or Louisville? This question is exciting much attention, and though badges favoring the Kentucky town are extensively worn, this does not mean that the shooters for the place on the banks of the muddy Maumee are idle. In fact, League politics are more or less involved in the naming of the successful city, and the presidential candidates are not allowing the chance to make capital gains unimpaired. The L. A. W. Bulletin and Good Roads Magazine, Mr. Elliott came out for Toledo, and Mr. Willson is naturally in favor of the city in Old Kentucky. The fact that there are several large manufacturing concerns in Toledo is inducing some other firms to take some interest in their support of that place, and though this may not appear very commendable it will have a certain amount of effect. Louisville has a record-breaking track, while Toledo has yet to build one.

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but only want a champion, and the Yost Company are also put down as likely to have a team.

BANQUET OF CYCLE AGENTS.

The first annual banquet of cycle agents was held at the Metropolitan Hotel after the close of the show last night. Toasts and speeches were offered, and a most enjoyable time was had by all who had the good fortune to attend. The following committee deserves great credit for the success of the banquet: Howard B. Moses, George W. Hauck, H. A. Hammond, W. L. Ralsch and E. Voorhees Stillman.

RECEPTION OF THE QUILLS.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Quill Club Wheelmen of America was held yesterday afternoon, at which plans were perfected for the ladies' reception, which the club will hold tonight in their rooms at the Garden. This event promises to be a feature of cycle show week. Manager Sander of the cycle show has promised to do all in his power to make the affair a success. Refreshments will be served during the afternoon, and the club caterer, and a special committee, of which Carroll L. R. Mosher is chairman, will be constantly in attendance to receive the guests of the club. No one but members and those to whom badges of admission to the room have been given will be admitted on this occasion. Each badge holder will, however, be permitted to extend the courtesies of the club to as many fair ones as he chooses.

At yesterday's meeting Arthur N. Jervis was elected to the Executive Committee to serve for the balance of the club year. The committee announced the following nominations for officers: For president, Dixie Hines; for vice-president, George E. Stockhouse; for secretary, M. B. MacFarlane; for treasurer, H. L. Salmon; for captain, A. G. Batchelder; for first lieutenant, Alfred Reeves; for second lieutenant, C. L. R. Mosher; for members of the Executive Committee, George Faggart, A. G. Batchelder and A. N. Jervis.

Gossip of the Show.

Among the out-town visitors yesterday were W. W. Wilson, E. C. Bull and J. H. Johnson, well-known members of the Press Cycling Club, of Buffalo, to which body Champion Bald belongs.

"Billy" Herrick, whose identity with the Morgan & Wright Tire Company is well known, has

of a small army of Waverley local managers. A full line of the Waverley machines is on exhibition, and attracts no little attention. The booth is handsomely fitted up, and is easily among the leaders in this respect. President Smith is on hand most of the time and is unflinching in his efforts to make visitors feel at home.

The Betts Twentieth Century Head Light Company is making a hit with the twentieth century girls. These fair young damsels are attired in most advanced costumes, and wherever they go they are followed by the admiring gaze of the surrounding crowd. The fact that Sanger will use Vim tires next season, as he did last year, speaks well for the racing qualities of the product of the Boston-based Hose Company. The tire is also admirably adapted for all kinds of riding, whether over rough pavements or country roads.

The exhibit of the Olympic Manufacturing Company is an example of excellent taste, and W. R. Hollingshead and H. L. Johnson are in charge. A full line of Olympia is shown, and S. E. Myers & Co., at No. 48 and 50 Maiden Lane, handle the wheel in New York.

GIDEON SUSPENDS GOODMAN.

The L. A. W. Racing Board's Chairman Acts Pending an Investigation.

The weekly "list" of Chairman Gideon, of the League of American Wheelmen Racing Board, is headed with the temporary suspension of F. F. Goodman, of this city, from all class A racing pending investigation. Records are accepted as follows: Two-thirds mile, Class A, tandem, unpaired, flying start, against time by N. A. Pippin and A. B. Hughes, at Denver, Col.: 1 min. 21.45 sec. December 21, 1895. Half mile, Class A, tandem, unpaired, flying start, against time by N. A. Pippin and A. B. Hughes, at Denver, Col.: 50.45 sec. December 21, 1895. Three miles, Class A, unpaired, flying start, against time by O. B. Huchensberger, at Denver, Col.: 1 min. 38 sec. December 13, 1895. Four miles, Class A, unpaired, flying start, against time by O. B. Huchensberger, at Denver, Col.: 3 min. 31.25 sec. December 13, 1895. Five miles, Class A, unpaired, flying start, against time by O. B. Huchensberger, at Denver, Col.: 11 min. 50.45 sec. December 13, 1895.

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WINNERS AT UTICA TRAPS.

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Royal Phelps Carroll's magnificent yacht Navaho, which will cruise among the West Indies for two months, left her anchorage, off East Twenty-sixth street, on Tuesday afternoon, shortly after 1 o'clock, and was towed to the Horseshoe, where she was anchored. Her company was just yesterday morning, after which she was again towed up through the Narrows, passing Quarantine Station, bound for Bay Ridge, about 2 o'clock, where she anchored, awaiting the arrival of Captain Carroll and the rest of the party. She is all ready for sea, and will probably start early this morning.

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"FITZ" AND PETER IN QUARTERS.

How Maher and "lanky Bob" Are Working to Prepare Themselves to Battle for the Championship Next Month.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 23.—As the time approaches for the battle between Bob Fitzsimmons and Peter Maher for the world's pugilistic championship, interest in the question of condition is entering largely into the formation of opinion as to who will come out of the contest victorious.

To-day both of the principals were visited at their respective training quarters and their work and daily routine carefully noted.

"FITZ" HARD AT WORK.

The life of Robert Fitzsimmons while training is perhaps more regular and temperate than that of many noted fighters. At present he is adhering closer to his well-defined rules than ever before, and his appearance is ample proof of this assertion.

Fitz takes plenty of sleep, as well as plenty of food, but offsets these with his tremendous physical work. His usual hour for rising is 7 o'clock, and except on rare occasions, he gets to bed at 8 in the evening.

His first duties after arising are with his pet lion, Nero, to which he devotes an hour of romping and frolicsome play. At about 8 the Australian takes breakfast, which is always prepared by Mrs. Fitzsimmons. The meal consists of eggs, chops and dry toast. Bob does not, however, confine himself strictly to this diet, but eats usually without reserve such dishes as he most relishes.

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CORBETT'S AUSTRALIAN TRIP.

Will Appear as a "Side Show" with Brady's Theatrical Stoupe.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23.—James J. Corbett is about to follow the example of Champion Cyclist Arthur A. Zimmerman and win new laurels for himself in Australia. Plans are now being made for his trip to that country.

It was stated this afternoon by James A. Brady, Corbett's manager, that he would take one of his theatrical ventures to Australia in March, and that Corbett would be one of the party. The champion boxer, however, will not appear in the cast as an actor, but will devote his attention to the lines.

Mr. Brady said that his experience with Corbett as an actor in England had plainly demonstrated to him that while foreigners might flock to see America's champion boxer, his value as an actor in other countries was much less than it is here. Corbett will therefore appear while abroad in boxing bouts, bag punching exhibitions, etc. Brady could not say how long the company would be in Australia, but it is likely that the length of the tour will depend entirely upon the success of the venture.

HANDLER BESTED ZEIGLER.

Haugh and Tucker Fought a Draw at the Schuylkill Navy Clubhouse.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23.—At the Athletic Club of the Schuylkill Navy this evening the first bout was between Billy Burris, a local feather-weight novice, and Billy Bachmann, ex-champion of the A. A. U., also of this city. Burris proved himself a good one, and had the best of the ex-champion all the way through. The second bout, between Maxie Haugh and Tommie Tucker, at 115 pounds, was a tame affair, and ended in a draw.

The evening of the evening was the go between Owen Zeigler and Jimmy Handler. They fought at catchweights, but Zeigler is said to have weighed 150 pounds, while Handler looked to weigh 15 pounds more. Zeigler made a good showing, and although he was only a brief experience in the League, he was to his advantage in weight than to his cleverness.

HALL "DENIGES OF IT."

The Defeated Pugilist Offers \$500 for Proof of His Cowardice.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 23.—Jim Hall, the defeated pugilist, is on the warpath. Since arriving here he has been imbibing to an extent, and this put him in an ugly temper. To-day he declared to a crowd:

"John Kelly, of New York, is starting all those stories about me laying down. Now, I'll show you, and you can't say I am a coward. I had no reason to quit. I wanted to win, for it was the last fight of my career."

Hall resolved a message from Cleveland, saying that there was money due him there. A year ago Hall lent a Cleveland man a big sum of money, but had to sue for it. The case was decided in his favor yesterday.

Denver Smith After Championship.

Frank Kelly, who now has charge of "Denver" (Ed) Smith's interests, says that he will have Smith at the ringside to challenge the winner of the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight. Kelly wanted Smith to challenge Chynowski at the California's victory over Hall, but Smith refused, saying that he had himself higher. Kelly estimates that he will have no difficulty in finding backing for Smith.

Philadelphia Secures "Bert Inks."

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23.—Knowing their weakness against left-handed pitchers, the Philadelphia Club is gathering in all the "South Paws" in the city. They have secured a deal with the Louisville Club, whereby Pitcher Smith was traded for Bert Inks, of the Columbia. Smith has only had a brief experience in the League, being farmed out to Hamilton shortly after being signed by Philadelphia last Spring.

"Strangler" Lewis' Bout Postponed.

Evans Lewis, the "Strangler," of wrestling fame, who it was announced, was to meet McLeod in a series of mixed bouts at Mober's Eighth Avenue Theatre last night, failed to put in an appearance. The management announced that Lewis had telegraphed from Philadelphia that he would be unable to reach this city in time, and the match was therefore postponed until to-night.



At the Cycle Show in Madison Square Garden.

Many of the fair visitors cannot resist the temptation to "try" the exhibits and, incidentally, the patience of the attendants in the booths. Pretty poses, similar to that caught in this sketch, are frequent incidents of the big display.

lem with considerable thoroughness and enthusiasm, and yesterday, when asked his opinion about the matter, said: "I am very much inclined to favor the retention of class B, as I do not think the public will take as much interest in the doings of the professionals. Should the national assembly do away with the paid amateurs, it may be that we would employ professionals, but our preference is decidedly for class B."

We have not completed our racing plans for the coming season, though we now have a record-breaking aggregation out on the Pacific Coast. During the show it is possible we will sign a few more for racing purposes, and send them out to the coast. I have had a talk with several, but have made no selections."

IS CLASS B DOOMED?

It begins to look very much as if there will be only two classes next season, and that the coming National Assembly of the L. A. W. will abolish class B. A canvass of the leading manufacturers brings out this fact in a very pronounced manner, for with very few exceptions they are willing to dispense with the paid amateurs. Some of them favor the professional idea, others will use the "pros" if the B's are wiped out, and not a few will dispense with racing teams.

The Pope Manufacturing Company, A. G. Spaulding & Brothers and the Sterling Cycle Works have decided not to have class B teams, and they were represented last year on the National Circuit. The Huber and World companies have engaged professionals, and the Orient people have come Baker, a "pro," and E. J. Jenny, a class B man. The Harrier Company has little preference, and is satisfied to use either class of riders. E. C. Stearns & Co. favor class B, but undoubtedly hire professionals if there are no others. The Monarch Cycle Company and the Syracuse Cycle Company have engaged class B riders, and it is said that these concerns are also after available racing talent. March, Davis Cycle Company, Chicago, and the Sterling Cycle Company, Plymouth, Ind.; New Jersey Stamping Company, Plainfield, N. J.; Hartford Cycle Company, Hartford, Conn.; the Combined Cycle Company of Boston, the Fowler Company are on the lookout,

been appointed the foreign representative of the firm, and will make his headquarters in Paris. He will sail for the other side some time next month.

The Show Number of the American Wheelman is an exceptionally beautiful artistic and complete publication, and contains many articles from well-known writers on trade and racing topics.

Charley Murphy has received a telegram from J. C. Crowley, president of the Southern Pacific Railroad, informing him that an important letter is now on the way East. It is supposed that the information contained therein to the project of straightaway mile with locomotive pacing, to take place between Murphy and the winner of the sufficient. Murphy will make the effort, and then go to Europe afterward.

Sterling Elliott does not think much of the proposed scheme of giving redeemable medals to class B men. "It will be racing for chips and then making them at the end of the season," said the Massachusetts chief counsel, "and that is all you can make out of it. My idea is to have only one class of riders, and rate them according to their speed, but this may not be entirely feasible on account of the conflict with rules of other amateur bodies closely allied with the L. A. W. But we should have only two classes, amateurs and professionals, and that in what I hope will be after the National Assembly."

Amos used in the racing contingent yesterday were W. E. Sims, Baltimore, Md.; P. J. McCarthy, of Philadelphia, formerly one of the stars of the path, but now retired. Another publication of the interest of the trade has made its appearance under the title of "The Universal." It is a monthly, published by Demos, 305 of this city, and edited by Al Reeves, formerly cycling editor of a New York daily.

Leon York, of Boston, is a notable in attendance. As a starter each year at the great Springfield meet he has made a national reputation, and stands second to none in the position.

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